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Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

I have been following HB4031 since its introduction, and I am very concerned about the way in which it has acquired a broad variety of amendments that have not been thoroughly studied.

One of these, which I had thought was fine originally, is the provision concerning guest ranches. The intent of the provision is to help struggling ranches. Long Hollow Ranch, just east of me, is one of these and could use the permission to expand their accommodations and keep on ranching.

However, there are some people who want to create an exclusive resort complex and are now buying sufficient livestock to qualify and to become large accommodations. There is one active now west of Sisters, Patterson Ranch, which was bought by a public relations firm in Santa Barbara. There was another that was attempted just north of town.

It is clear that any loosening of current standards needs to also tighten up those standards, or we are just going to be using this bill to authorize what could never have been built before.

I actually think you should delay acting on this bill till the next session, because there is no way to quickly understand the ramifications of the many different provisions that it contains.

But if you cannot do that, at least hold off on the guest ranch provision until you can write standards that will include the legitimate ranching families while excluding opportunists.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
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